

## The Weston Democrat.

In accordance with the general custom, we have given our paper a "local habitation and a name" by adding the place of publication in its title. It has heretofore been THE DEMOCRAT—now it is THE WESTON DEMOCRAT. We think that it not only looks, but sounds better. The DEMOCRAT would do well enough in years past, when this was the only paper in the State bold enough to openly avow its principles, and fight for them under that name; but now we have a baker's dozen of papers, who come before the public with the name of "DEMOCRAT," as "easy" as if they were veterans.

We well remember that it was with a good deal of trepidation that our friends consented that we should christen our paper THE DEMOCRAT. True, they were as Democratic as ourselves; but it was hardly safe to say you were a Democrat in these days. It was "National Union Men," and "Conservatives," and anything but the right thing. But thanks to the good sense and courage of a few newspapers, backed by a few men of indomitable courage, the time-honored Democratic party again secured an organization which led it on to victory; and West Virginia to-day is Democratic to the core. It is not without some pride in our share of the battle, that we look over the history of past years. We have done "our level best," not only to advance the interests of the party upon whose success we believe depends the salvation of our country, but to secure to our people the advantages of commerce, internal improvements, enterprise and morality. And we are happy to say that ours has not been a barren field.

Under the new title, we shall continue our old straight-forward course. You will always know exactly where to find us.

## Speaker of the House.

Our esteemed friend, Colonel Alexander Monroe, of Hampshire county, is favorably mentioned for the position of Speaker of the House of Delegates. No member of that body could bring more ability, dignity and firmness to the position than Colonel Monroe. He is eminently qualified for it; and has deserved high honor by his gallant and unwavering devotion to Democratic principles.

## Senatorial.

We have seen a communication in the *Wheeling Register*, says the *Maryland Mercury*, strongly urging the claims of Hon. G. D. Camden for United States Senator. If the western part of the State is to have the Senator, we know of no one better qualified by experience and ability for the position. He is a clear thinker, forcible debater, and indefatigable worker, and has a thorough knowledge of the diversified wants of our young State. In urging the claims of his constituents, he is tenacious and persevering, and knows no such word as fail. With the Judge in the Councils of the Nation, West Virginia will take rank among the first in the Union. We have nothing to say against any one of the many popular candidates in the field. Many of them we do not know. But as to any having "claims," we deny it emphatically. The Legislature will have the election of a servant, and it should select one who will well and faithfully perform his duty.

## WHERE DID THE MONEY GO?

WESTON, Dec 28, 1874.

J. W. WOFFORDIN, SR.: In my judgment, one of the wisest measures ever adopted by the Democracy since it came into power, was the law requiring the old school officers, to make a settlement with persons appointed for the purpose, of their financial business during their term of office. That this law was eminently just and proper, has been proven beyond a doubt. Thousands of dollars have been added to the school fund of the State; guilty officials have been made to disgorge, and honest men have only added to their reputation by a fresh exhibition of correct accounts. In thinking over this matter, I desire to call the attention of the people, and through them their representatives, to the immense amount of money collected from the people during and since the war for bounty to soldiers. In Lewis county we were taxed heavily for this purpose. Would it be unfair to call for a public exhibition of the accounts of the officers who disbursed this money? It is my humble opinion that in many counties of this State, revelations would be made which would not only cause a good deal of equipping, but would be the means of refunding to the people many thousands of dollars that had never been applied to the purposes for which it was appropriated.

Suppose that a committee of three should be appointed in each county to examine the accounts of the disbursing officers in relation to this bounty money, with power to send for persons and papers. The expense would be slight; and the "rendering to Caesar that which is Caesar's," would pay the expenses and thousands of dollars more. What say you, Mr. Bennett and Mr. Chidester?

## The Congressional Election.

The Fairmont *Index* of the 19th ult., takes our Democrats of the Third District to task, for boasting over their large majority, and claiming that they belong to the banner District of the State. It does not think that because Mr. Herford received 6,000 majority, who he had no opponent, his District should claim all the honors. The victory over a much harder fought field in the Second, is pertinently cited, while of the First the *Index* says:

"In the First District the great fight of the State was made. The Democrats exhibited their former candidate

whom the Republicans claimed had been previously defeated by Mr. Davis. The district had gone against the Democratic candidate for Governor by nearly 2,000 majority. The Republicans thought that with this amount to start with, by an earnest and united effort, they could probably carry the district, though they were somewhat like the fellow who, when asked if he could whip a certain man, replied: "Yes, I believe I can whip him, and I will whip him, but it will nearly kill me to do it." It was with this determination to defeat Colonel Wilson at all hazards, that they went into the canvass. They nominated the most promising and the strongest man they had in the district as their candidate, and enthusiastically and unitedly went into the contest with a determination to defeat the Democratic candidate. The canvass was a warm one. The personal and political friends of General Goff—who embraced a large majority of the mounted men of the district, and whose pet he was—made the most strenuous efforts to secure his election, both personally and pecuniarily. The financial policy of Colonel Wilson, favoring the people rather than the banks, brought down 8 national banks upon his back, besides, but still Colonel Wilson triumphed. Here was a victory worth being proud of. Against all these odds, the gallant Colonel made a gain of 2,000 votes—2,033, we believe, is the exact number."

Now, we are not disposed to quarrel with our brethren anywhere. To the contrary, we are willing to cordially extend to them the right-hand of fellowship, and exchange mutual congratulations over the result of our general triumph. Still, there is a great deal of truth in what the *Index* says.

(For the Democracy)  
Sheriff of Gilmer County.

The County Court of Gilmer county met on the 14th ult., as provided for by law, and among other things which transpired before the Court, one J. F. W. Holt appeared by counsel and moved the Court to permit him to acknowledge bonds and enter upon the duties of the office of sheriff, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of H. H. Withers, deceased, to which S. L. Hays, the present incumbent of the office, appeared and objected, on the ground that Holt had not qualified and entered upon the duties of his office within ten days after the result of the election for the office aforesaid had been declared according to law; also, that the failure to qualify within the time prescribed by law rendered the office, so far as it related to Holt, vacant. The objection by Hays to Holt qualifying, &c., at this Court, was founded on chapter 177, section 40, page 525, and chapter 42, section 8, page 90, of the acts of the Legislature of 1872-3. The bar was about equally divided as counsel. The discussion ran high, and much excitement prevailed. On the fourth day of the term the Court decided to accept and approve the bonds of Holt, and permit him to enter upon the duties of the office, but restraining from entering upon the duties of the office, or exercising any authority over the same for fifteen days, so as to allow Hays an opportunity to obtain a supersedeas from the Circuit Court. Many legal questions arose in the case, and were ably argued; and whenever the Court decided any point of law against Hays it was excepted to and divers and many bills of exceptions were taken to the opinions and rulings of the Court. A transcript of the record and proceedings of the Court were presented to Judge C. S. Lewis, of the adjoining Circuit, and it is said the Judge did not hesitate to grant a supersedeas, so that all proceedings in the premises are stayed, and will have to await the decision of the Circuit Court, which meets on the 11th day of March, 1875.

It is to be regretted that such a condition of affairs should exist in Gilmer county respecting the Sheriffalty; but when we reflect upon the persistent and determined effort of Mr. Holt to hold on to the office against all law and reason, and by his course to keep Mr. Hays, the proper and legal Sheriff of the county, out of the position for 8 months, we cannot wonder at Mr. Hays holding on to the office, when Mr. Holt has legally forfeited his claim to it. We are informed that Mr. Hays applied to Mr. Holt sometime prior to the last Court, to rent him the apartment in the Court House used by the jailer for his residence, on the ground that his (Hays') wife was in bad health, and no house could possibly be procured in the town in which he could move; also, that Hays had three or four children attending the Normal School, and did not wish to leave the town and lose the opportunity of sending his children to school; but Holt spurned the proposition, and positively refused to permit Hays to occupy or retain the jail-house for a moment, should he get into the office of Sheriff. All of this trouble would have ended at the last term of the Court, had Mr. Holt not acted so vindictive, over-bearing and seemingly oppressive about the office. Not satisfied to await the sitting of the County Court in order to qualify, he obtained a rule from Judge Brannon against the County Court, requiring that body to show cause why a peremptory mandamus should not issue and compel them to act. But so far the County Court was not in fault. Mr. Hays was willing and anxious that the legal questions should all be settled as to his claim to the office of Sheriff, only asking that public opinion respecting him should be waived until the Courts are heard on the subject. It is very evident that he holds the office at present, and is likely to hold it for some time to come, under and by authority of the Judiciary.

A correspondent of the *Wheeling Register*, writing from Harrison county, December 9th, says:

In a few weeks from this time, our Legislature will be in session. It is not too much to say that its members in character and ability will compare favorably with any of their predecessors. Many of them are young men whose future is inseparably con-

ected with the future of the State. The Legislature is largely Democratic, and the Democratic party will be responsible for its acts.

As a Democrat, I feel this and know it. I realize the fact that our success in the future depends upon what we do now. We are only in power during good behavior. The people of our State are determined, so far as they can effect it, to have good government, and to that end they know that fit representatives are indispensable. In both the State and National Governments.

Upon the Legislature so soon to meet is devolved the election of a successor to Boreman. From the formation of the State until the election of Senator Davis, we were represented in the United States Senate by Radicals, in the persons of Messrs. Willey and Vanwinkle.

It is true that we promised the people if power was conferred to us we would take care not to lessen the moral influence of our State by lowering the standard of our State and National Representatives.

We are a small State, and whatever influence we may have in the National councils must be a moral influence—the result of the character and ability of those who represent us.

The Senate of the United States, as organized by the Constitution, is the most elevated, as well as the most important deliberative body in the world. Its members represent States as such, and the two members from our little State are as potential as the representative from the great State of New York, provided always that they are the equals of the Senators from New York in capacity, character, experience and industry—in other words, in fitness for the position. Little men in such a body reflect discredit upon their State. It is expected that the Legislature will select the most capable man among us—a man capable of grasping the great questions of political economy which that high body has to consider; to discuss and to pass upon, and which are so intimately interwoven with the well-being of our own people, in common with the people of the Union. This great trust is to be exercised for the highest good of the State. It is a delegated power, not a personal belonging, but a representative trust, to be discharged under the sanction of an oath for the benefit of the constituent body. Let the members of the Legislature appreciate the importance of this trust, and govern themselves accordingly. The people expect them to elect a man of character, of intellectual culture and of experience—in short, a jurist and statesman. Such men we have, and I am proud to believe, more than one.

I will mention a name familiar to the State, well known to our people for more than thirty years; a lawyer ranking with the ablest of the State, who sustained in the highest court of the United States the reputation he has in his own State, who for more than 12 years was regarded as one of the ablest Judges on the Virginia bench—twice elected by the people, although in a political minority in his circuit of more than 6,000 voters; chosen with the now venerable Joe Johnson to represent his district in the Constitutional Convention of 1850-51, and at different times a representative in the Legislature, and at this time chairman of the Judiciary Committee of four Senators, and to whose labors it is but justice to say we are indebted as much as to any other for the moulding of our statute law in harmony with the provisions of our new Constitution. Judge G. D. Camden, therefore, is fitted by experience as a legislator to represent us in the United States Senate with credit to himself and advantage to his State. His character is without spot or blemish. He is both jurist and statesman; capable of filling a position in a body where constitutional law is interpreted, the rights of State protected, and the liberties of the citizens preserved.

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Notice to Creditors.  
F. M. Chaffant  
vs.  
Thomas Bland's administrator.  
IN CHANCERY.  
To the Creditors of Thomas Bland, deceased:  
In pursuance of a decree of the Circuit Court of Lewis county, made in a cause therein pending, to subject the real estate of the said Thomas Bland to the payment of his debts, you are required to present your claims against said Thomas Bland for adjudication, to G. J. Butcher, Commissioner, at his office in the said county, on or before the 12th of January, 1875.  
Witness, W. H. Byrne, Clerk of said Court, this 15th day of December, 1874.  
W. H. BYRNE, Clerk.  
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August 3, 1874

SALE OF  
BRAXTON COUNTY LANDS  
Straus, Hartmann & Co.  
vs.  
Allen Outlip and others.

Under a decree of the Circuit Court of Braxton county, rendered in this cause on the 21st of August, 1874, I will sell, on the first day of the next term of the Circuit Court of Braxton county, in front of the court house of said county, at public auction, to the highest bidder, a tract of

200 ACRES OF LAND, owned by Allen Outlip, lying on Little Birch River, in Braxton county, and fully described in the papers of said cause.

TERMS—Cash sufficient to pay the cost of suit and sale, with notes and good security for the residue, payable in 6, 12 and 18 months, bearing interest from date.

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Respectfully,  
ROBERT JUFER.  
Dec. 21, 1874—5w

BRAXTON COUNTY  
LANDS FOR SALE.

J. G. Smith  
vs.  
Griffin Gillespie and others;  
And  
Adam and Griffin Gillespie

IN CHANCERY.  
Under a joint decree rendered in these cases on the 22d of August, 1874, by the Circuit Court of Braxton county, I will sell, in front of the Court House of Braxton county, on the first day of the next term of the Circuit Court of said county, at public auction, to the highest bidder, the several tracts of land subjected to sale by said decree, all lying in Braxton county, namely:

75 ACRES, on the north side of Elk river, at the mouth of Big Flatwood's Run;

66 ACRES on Elk river and Canon run;

240 ACRES on Elk river and Ben's run;

133 ACRES, being the undivided half of a tract on the south side of Elk river, now conveyed to Griffin Gillespie by John G. Raner; and